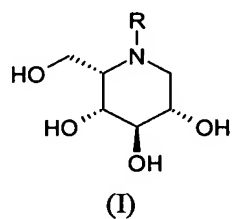


**ABSTRACT**  
**PIPERIDINE DERIVATIVES AS GCS INHIBITORS**

Compounds of formula (I):



wherein R represents a substituted benzyl group, are useful as inhibitors of glucosylceramide synthase.